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APOLOGETICS BY LEADING SOVIET TECHNOCRAT

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1. SUMMARY: HIMSELF WRITING IN MARCH 2 PRAVDA AND IN
INTERVIEW PUBLISHED MARCH 5, ACADEMICIAN D.M. GVISHIANI,
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY (SCST) AND KOSYGIN'S SON-IN-LAW, PRESENTS
ELABORATE DEFENSE OF SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN USSR AND OTHER NATIONS. IN ESSENCE, ARTICLES
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JUSTIFY GREATLY EXPANDED TECHNICAL TIES BETWEEN SOCIALIST

AND CAPITALIST COUNTRIES ON BASIS ULTIMATE GREAT IMPROVE-
MENT IN LIFE STYLE FOR PEOPLE LIVING UNDER SOCIALISM.
THROUGH CAREFULLY WORDED THEORETICAL STATEMENT FOLLOWED BY
GENERAL DESCRIPTION BENEFITS OF FRENCH-SOVIET COOPERATIVE
EFFORTS, GVISHIANI IS CAUTIOUSLY BUT CLEARLY EXPOUNDING
VIRTUES OF WESTERN SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL LINKS AND SEEMS
TO BE IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS PROTAGONIST IN DEVELOPING
INTERNAL DEBATE ON RELATIONSHIPS USSR SHOULD MAINTAIN WITH
HIGH-TECHNOLOGY MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. END SUMMARY

2. FINDING SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL REVOLUTION TO BE ONE OF
CHIEF FACTORS IN COMPETITION BETWEEN OPPOSING SOCIAL
SYSTEMS, GVISHIANI DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE PART OF MARCH 2
ARTICLE--WITH AID OF APPROPRIATE CITATIONS FROM WORKS OF
MARX--TO "PROVING" NATURAL COMPATIBILITY OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY WITH SOCIALIST ECONOMICS THROUGH PROCESS OF
RAISING LEVEL OF SOCIAL PRODUCTIVITY AND THROUGH CONSEQUENCES
FLOWING THEREFROM FOR FURTHER PERFECTION OF SOCIAL
DEMOCRACY AND POLITICAL/CULTURAL PROGRESS. IN CONTRA-
POSITION TO THIS MARRIAGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH
SOCIALISM, GVISHIANI TAKES TO TASK CAPITALIST SOCIETY,
WHERE SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL REVOLUTION BEING USED ONLY TO
FURTHER NARROW, PROFIT-ORIENTED GOALS OF INDUSTRIALISTS.
EXHORTING HIS READERS TO RHETORICAL ACTION, GVISHIANI
STRESSES SHARPENING IDEOLOGICAL CLASH OVER ISSUE OF
SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL ADVANCEMENT AND URGENT NEED TO REBUFF
WESTERN IDEOLOGUES WHO CLAIM THAT CAPITALISM, THE PRODUCTION
OF PROFITS, IS ONLY REAL WAY TO ASSURE RAPID SCIENTIFIC-
TECHNICAL PROGRESS.

3. HAVING PLACED HIMSELF ON FIRM IDEOLOGICAL GROUND,
GVISHIANI THEN MOVES TO CRUX OF MATTER: NEED TO JUSTIFY
CURRENT TREND TOWARD RAPIDLY-EXPANDING SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGI-
CAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN SOCIALIST AND CAPITALIST
STATES. WHILE STRIVING TO DEVELOP SUCH TIES AND COOPERA-
TION, HE CAUTIONS, BASIC INCOMPATIBILITY OF SOCIALIST AND
BOURGEOIS IDEOLOGIES MUST ALWAYS BE KEPT IN MIND. THESE
LINKS, HOWEVER, WITHOUT DOUBT ACCELERATE DEVELOPMENT OF
"INTERNATIONALIZATION" OF PRODUCTION AND INTENSIFY
PROCESSES OF INTEGRATION WHICH ALLOW FOR FORMATION OF
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"INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COMPLEXES" IN FRAMEWORK OF WHICH
ARE FOUND PARTICULARLY FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR APPLICA-
TION OF SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS.
(COMMENT: WHILE AT THIS POINT GVISHIANI CITES CEMA COOPERA-
TION AS CLASSIC CASE PROVING HIS POINT, IMPLICATION IS
CLEAR THAT PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL COPRORATIONS ARE WHAT HE
REALLY HAS IN MIND. END COMMENT) ULTIMATELY, PAYOFF
FROM INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN APPLYING ACHIEVEMENTS OF

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LIES IN SOCIAL PROGRESS, E.E.,
IMPROVED LIFE-STYLE (OBRAZ ZHIZNI) FOR THE MASSES. IN
USSR, AS IN OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, THIS IMPROVED LIFE-
STYLE MEANS PROPER JUXTAPOSITION OF HIGH LEVEL OF
PERSONAL CONSUMPTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES WITH OPTIMAL
REALIZATION OF INDIVIDUALS' CAPABILITIES BOTH IN
LABOR AND OTHER AREAS OF SOCIAL INTERCOURSE.

4. MARCH 5 ARTICLE, "SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION,"
REPRESENTS CASE STUDY ON BENEFITS OF TIES WITH WESTERN
COUNTRY. TAKING RECENT ELEVENTH SESSION OF MIXED FRANCO-
SOVIET SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COMMISSION AS POINT OF DEPARTURE,
GVISHIANI CITES SERIES OF SPECIFIC AREAS IN WHICH JOINT
WORK HAS BORNE FRUIT--INVESTIGATION AND FAMILIARIZATION
WITH OUTER SPACE (FRENCH INSTRUMENTS CARRIED ON SOVIET
SPACE FLIGHTS), JOINT EFFORT TO CLEAN UP OIL SPILLS AT
SEA (FRENCH SPECIALISTS VISITED SOVIET PORTS TO EXAMINE
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